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SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANTON.**General Strike Begins To-morrow.****PROTEST AGAINST "NATIONALISATION."**

News reaches us from Canton to-day to the effect that a general strike is to commence there to-morrow, as a protest against the proposed "nationalisation" of property rights in respect of houses on both sides of the new maloos. When this news became known, the inhabitants began to take measures for the supply of rice and preserved food, whilst many of the wealthier people left for Macao or Hongkong.

The decision to strike was reached at a meeting of some six hundred representatives of shops from various streets. The whole question was thoroughly discussed and two resolutions were submitted to the meeting. The first of these was to the effect that the authorities again be petitioned on the subject, whilst the second favoured an immediate general strike. Only a few voted in favour of the former course, whilst practically everybody present supported the second motion. The meeting then resolved that a general strike in every line of business commence on Wednesday.

ALL SHOPS TO CLOSE.

It is intended that all shops close and that the Commercial Corps and Village Corps from neighbouring districts co-operate in the maintenance of order. Reports state that the strike will not end even if the authorities cancel the order for nationalisation, but that it will remain operative until certain taxes levied on various lines of business be abolished. Yesterday, dealers in European and Chinese medicines went on strike, whilst the confectioners in the silk-producing district of Shantou have also closed work as a protest against new taxes.

Another report states that an official notice, in the form of a handbill, was distributed to all houses late on the evening of the 25th instant, stating that the carrying out of the order to nationalise property rights would be delayed, pending the making of certain amendments. This notice, however, seems to have been ignored by the public.

It is reported that the Commercial Corps has passed a resolution to the effect that strong measures will be taken if the Government endeavours to compel shops to open, and in this connection letters have been sent out to various societies and guilds in the outlying districts asking for support.

NO CARGO FROM HONGKONG.

Of even greater interest to this Colony is the news gathered this morning that, except for certain consignments which had been intended for and were to be con-

CHUS v. SHUMS.**SEQUEL TO YESTERDAY'S FRACAS.**

Nine chair coolies who were arrested in yesterday's fracas in Wyndham Street appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Police Court this morning, on a charge of disorderly conduct. The names of these whom Mr. C. A. S. Russ had been engaged to defend were recited by him in the Court, whereupon his Worship remarked: "I see you represent the Shum Brigade."

Four of the Shum clan, and five Chus, were amongst those charged, and an accusation against the Chus was forthcoming to the effect that they had usurped a pitch which had hitherto been regarded as the peculiar preserve of the Shums.

The Chus, on the other hand, stated that in consequence of the new traffic regulations they had been relegated to the slopes, and

D'OLSY'S FLIGHT.**CHINESE THREAT TO SEIZE MACHINE.****Official's Petty Jealousy.**

Peking, May 27.—Chih Hsioh-yuan yesterday afternoon has informed the French Consul General at Shanghai that if D'Olisy landed at Nanking or Hsueh-fu he would seize D'Olisy's machine. This extraordinary action appears to be due solely to the pottiest jealousy, D'Olisy having accepted Chih Hsioh-yuan's rival's (Li Yung-hsiang's) machine.

President Tsoo Kun and the War Minister, Lu Chin, have both telegraphed instructing Chih under no circumstances to offer opposition to the gallant French flyer.

D'Olisy was yesterday apparently ready to take the risk of seizure of the machine, but the French Legation has not thought it advisable to take action, which might lead to a more serious incident.—*Reuter*.

STEAMERFARES TO CANTON.**CANTON NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DENIAL.**

With regard to the institution of ten-cent steamer fares to Canton by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, we have received the following letter from Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master:

"Our clients, the Canton Navigation Co. Ltd., have drawn our attention to a paragraph inserted in the front page of your issue of Saturday May the 24th, with reference to steamer fares to Canton.

"The allegation that our clients have been cutting the rates is wholly untrue—and anything in the nature of a rate war as far as they are concerned is nonexistent."

"When our clients first commenced to run their steamers to Canton, the fares were fixed at \$1.90 second class and \$1.00 steerage and these rates have been maintained without alteration up to date and our clients have now no intention of either decreasing or increasing them."

"Further, our clients wish us to point out that they have never agreed to any standard rates which may or may not be charged by other Companies and that their fares were fixed quite independently."

"Trusting that you will insert this letter for the purpose of making our clients' position quite clear."

GERMANY'S ARMED FORCES.**FRESH REPORTS OF WAR PREPARATION.**

London, May 26.—Alarming reports of German military activities were mentioned in the House of Commons.

Sir Frederic Hall asked whether the German military forces now exceeded the strength allowed by the Treaty of Versailles. Mr. Clynes replied that to the best of his information the answer was in the negative as far as the regular German military forces were concerned, but the Government was far from satisfied on the matter.—*Reuter*.

BOXER INDEMNITY FUNDS.**LEGISLATION IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT.**

London, May 26.—The House of Commons has passed the first reading of the China Indemnity Application Bill introduced by Pottson, each defendant. Further, his making further provision for

ITALIAN ROYALTY IN ENGLAND.**ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO LONDON.**

London, May 26.—There were striking scenes at Victoria station on the arrival of their Italian Majesties, whom the Prince of Piedmont and Princess Mafalda accompany.

King George and Queen Mary, the latter wearing an exquisite ostrich feather cloak, were on the platform, accompanied by the Duke of York, Prince Henry, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other Royalties. The distinguished assembly included Mr. Ramsey MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson. The Prince of Wales accompanied the Royal visitors from Dover.



King Victor Emmanuel.

A huge crowd cheered as the Royalties came into view. The two Kings inspected the guard of honour of Guards, also fifty black-shirted Fascists from various parts of Britain who gave the Roman salute. The crowds on route ovated the party as they drove to Buckingham Palace. This is King Victor Emmanuel's first visit to England for twenty-one years.

Their Majesties gave a brilliant State banquet in honour of the Italian King and Queen, there being 150 guests, including the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

The King, toasting the guests referred to the lasting unbroken Anglo-Italian friendship; and King Victor, replying, hoped that the traditional ties would be strengthened.—*Reuter*.

NEW LAWYER.**GOOD WAR RECORD.**

A now-solicitor and proctor, in the person of Mr. Benjamin Springbett Corke, was admitted to practise in the Colony by the acting Chief Justice, Mr. H. H. Gomperts, this morning.

Moving his admission, the Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K. C., said that Mr. Corke was admitted to the Roll in England in 1896 and practised in various parts of England until April, 1915, when he went to France and joined the Red Cross, with which he was associated for two years. In 1917, he joined the French Army as a liaison in the Third Battle of Ypres. He was subsequently awarded the Croix de Guerre. Demobilised in 1919, he went to Ireland and practised in Dublin for four years.

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"Hongkong Telegraph"**EARLIER TELEGRAMS.****IRAQ FRONTIER DISPUTE.**

Constantinople, May 2.
Anglo-Turkish negotiations which have been proceeding here since the 20th inst. relative to the disputed territory of Mosul which is now incorporated with Iraq, have reached a deadlock. Fethi Bey, on behalf of Turkey, demanding the rendition of the who's district, and Sir Percy Cox, on behalf of Britain, insisting on the present frontier with slight modifications. The meetings at the four meetings that were held were practically the renditions of the old agreements exhausted at Lausanne, and in spite of the friendly atmosphere prevailing no progress was made as shown by the fact that the man handed to Sir Percy Cox this morning, merely establishes the frontier line the Turks claim in unmodified form. It is understood that Sir Percy Cox has asked the government for instructions and in the meanwhile no fresh meeting has been arranged. The failure to agree will mean the reference of the question to the Council of the League of Nations as provided in the Lausanne Treaty which it is believed the Turks are anxious to avoid.—Reuter.

CHINESE PROVINCIAL TAXATION.

London, May 26.
The Times' city correspondent notes in dealing with the serious concern of foreign importers trading in the East at the provincial taxation of foreign imports into China that it is a defiance of treaty obligations and declares that the call for revoles. Referring to the suggestion that the levies should not affect the Peking government to maintain treaties by recognizing Chekiang's declaration of independence as justification for indulging in fiscal retaliation against her, the Times remarks that action of this sort proved effectual a few years ago in Canton when that province attempted to flout the authority of the Central Government, but whatever course is adopted there is a need of prompt and effective action cannot be overlooked. There are more than enough artificial barriers to trade already, he says.—Reuter.

KENYA IMMIGRATION.

London, May 26.
It was announced to-day that Mr. J. H. Thomas was suddenly indisposed. For this reason the meeting of the Secretary of the Colonies and India and the Colonies Committee to consider the latter's report on Kenya Immigration was postponed.—Reuter.

London, May 26.
Mr. Thomas is suffering from pleurisy and is under the care of a specialist.—Reuter.

THE MOSLEM LEAGUE.

Lahore, May 26.
The Moslem League has concluded its sessions after passing resolutions urging the continuance of communal representation and the overhaul of the Government of India Act with a view to the early attainment of Swaraj. The League appointed a committee to frame a constitution in consultation other communities and appealed to the Hindus and Moslems to take steps to settle their communal differences and to abstain from aggressive activities.—Reuter.

SPURIOUS COINS.**A HEAVY SENTENCE.**

A Chinese passenger from Canton on the a.s. Sung Shan Maru was heavily sentenced by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday afternoon, for unlawfully having in his possession 1,091 counterfeit coins of Chinese currency.

A Chinese detective stated that on the 20th inst. at about 10 a.m. he was on duty on board the a.s. Sung Shan searching under the Piracy Prevention Regulations. Defendant's bags were searched and in one of them, a number of rolls of coins were discovered. Witness broke open some of the rolls suspecting that they were counterfeit, and defendant was arrested.

Sub-Inspector Spens said that defendant was taken to the Water Police Station on the 20th inst. with a quantity of spurious coins. In all he had 1,084 pieces; 200 were of ten-cent denomination and the rest twenty-cent pieces.

A money changer, stated that the coins were made of zinc, but the lettering was very cleverly done; in fact he was of the opinion that they were struck off from the same dies as the Canton currency. The weight of the coins was higher than that of good money.

Witness could not say that the coins were issued by the Canton authorities, but he thought that

they were stamped at the mint by the soldiers in charge, without the knowledge of the authorities.

Asked where he had got the coins, defendant said that about \$30 worth of them were his savings. He was a hawker and received the money from customers. He did not know that they were counterfeit as he was in a hurry to leave Canton, on account of the trouble, and proceed to Swatow. The rest of the coins were intrusted to him by a friend.

Cross-examined further defendant said that he received the coins from time to time and did not know that they were spurious.

His Worship was told that defendant had only 90 cents of Chinese money on his person that was not bad. This defendant denied, when asked. He said that when he was searched at the Police Station no money was found in his pockets.

The Magistrate said that he was living and imposed sentence of six months' hard labour.

BILLIARDS.**PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.**

Playing at the Palace Hotel last night L. Antonio (-125) beat W. Wang (-150), 256 to 193. The highest breaks were: Antonio: 32, 25, 18, 17, 16, 15, 13, 12, Wang: 23, 20, 20, 18, 18, 16.

The game to-morrow is H. O. Balchin (-175) versus A. J. Osmund (-325).

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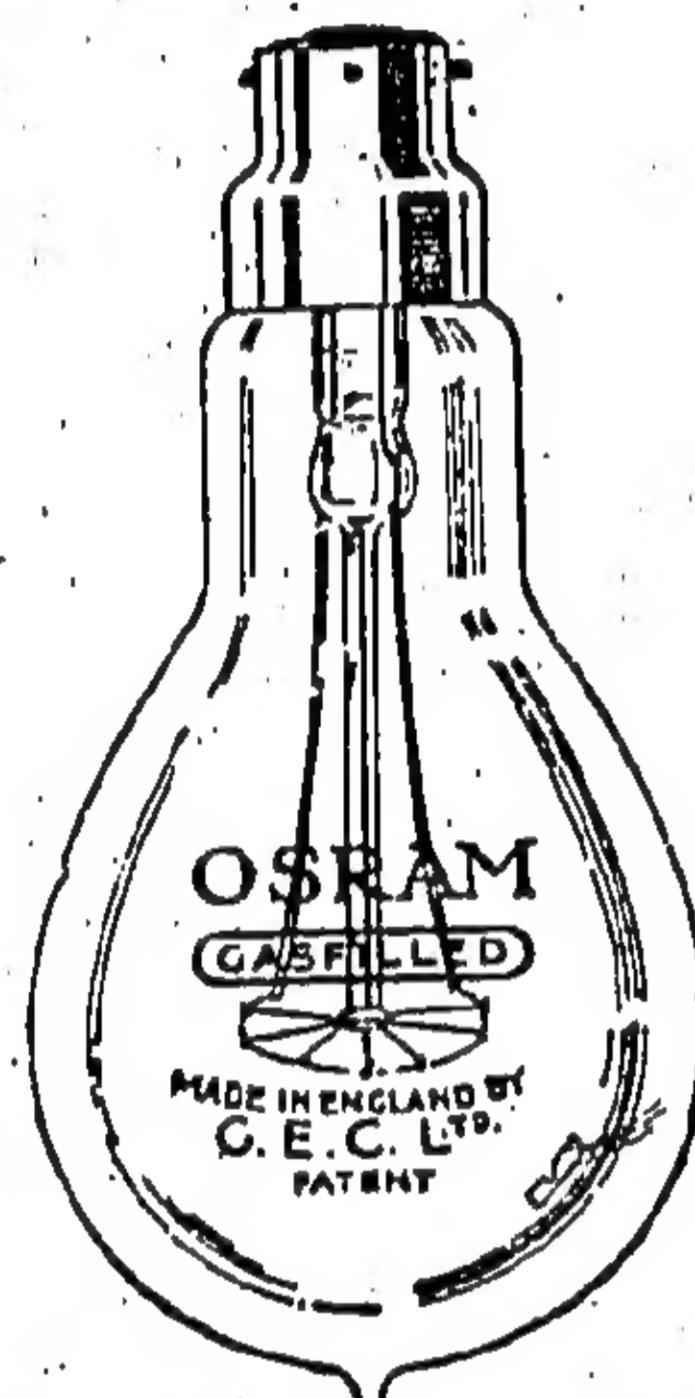
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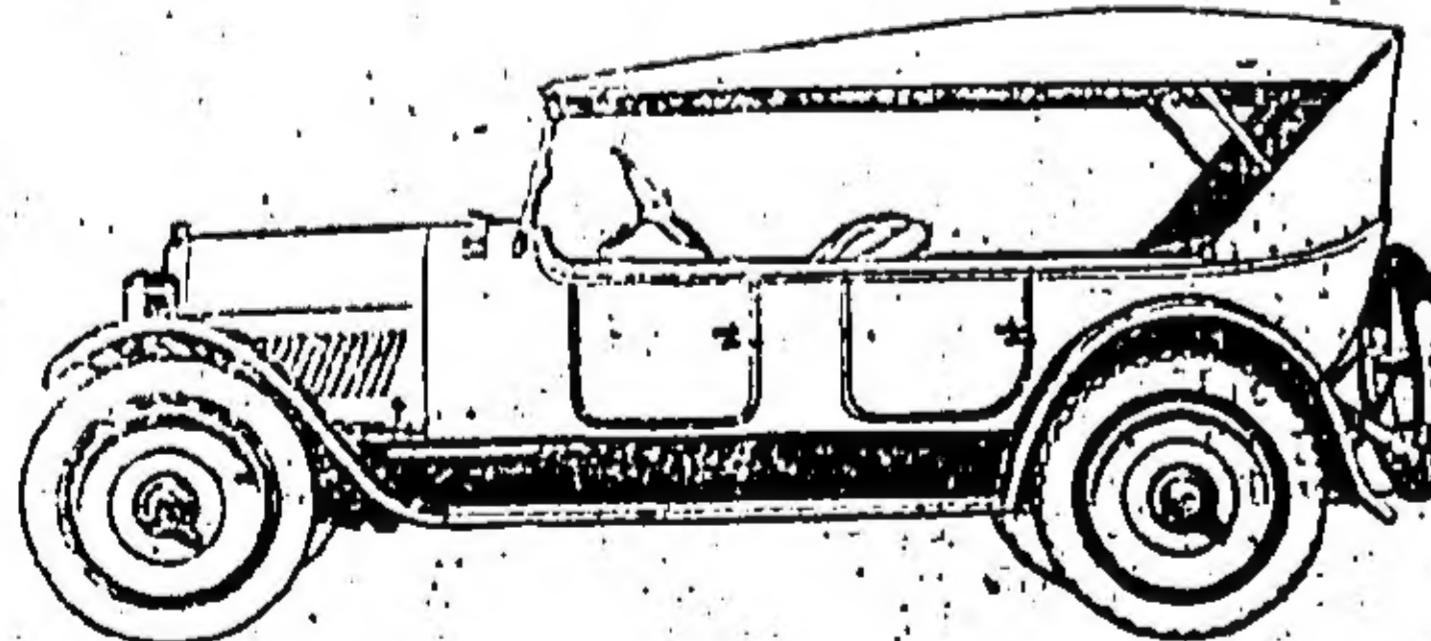
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

The National Christian Council has had a Commission on "International Relations," working for about a year. Two of the members of this Commission visited Japan to pass on to the Japanese Church the contribution from Chinese Christians to Japan's earthquake sufferers. One result of this visit was the coming of Mr. Miyazaki, General Secretary of the Japan Christian Council, to attend these meetings of the National Christian Council of China. Mr. Miyazaki brought fraternal greetings from the Japan Christian Council. He said that his warm reception in the meetings of the N.C.C. had given him a good impression of the Chinese people. His appearance was warmly applauded. In reply to his greeting, the Rev. S. T. Kaung, Vice-Chairman of the Council, expressed admiration of the work done by Christians in Japan. He said that just as China had sent her students to learn from Japan, so Christians in China could learn from Japanese how to do Christian work. "Though separated by the sea we are brothers." He further said: "Japan and China will some day unite in heart and effort to further the Kingdom of God throughout the world. When that day comes we shall feel that the day of salvation is not far distant."

Mr. Miyazaki gave some interesting statistics of the result of the earthquake on Christian work. The total loss to Christian work in Japan was Yen 9,465,477.50. For reconstruction purposes an effort is being made to raise Yen 13,000,000. It is planned to make the reconstruction movement the centre of a Christian union evangelistic movement also. Seventy-six churches were destroyed by earthquake or fire and 9 boys' schools and 15 girls' schools either destroyed or damaged. The loss to education alone in property and equipment was Yen 8,330,915. In addition to the above, certain Christian welfare work institutions suffered a total loss of Yen 1,201,800. Mr. Miyazaki urged, in closing, that Christians in China and Japan should draw together to save the dwellers in Asia, numbering in all about 800,000,000.

INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

The Rev. E. L. Pao spoke on the "Church and International Problems." Prof. T. C. Chia, of Soochow University, chairman of the Commission on "International Relations," presented its report. He drew attention to the following interesting points. Fourteen subjects for study were chosen, and presented to fourteen Christian colleges. The majority of these colleges consented to assist the Commission; in some of them study of the subject assigned has already begun. During the year considerable attention has been given in various publications, English and Chinese, to international problems such as extra-territoriality, protection, and political relations. Interest in these subjects is growing, but as yet no solutions are suggested. It is planned to hold a conference of Christian colleges at Kuling this summer to discuss these questions.

There has been considerable study of existing text-books with a view to discovering what information they contain in other countries rather than their own. A careful investigation was made of Chinese primary school text-books. The investigator who reported to the Commission on "International Relations" agreed with Chinese educators in saying that these text books pointed only to good elements in non-Chinese civilization. They, therefore, contain nothing that is harmful to international friendship between Chinese and other nations. This is in accord with the peace-loving habits of the Chinese people. Furthermore, the Government Board of Education scrutinizes all these text-books with a view to avoiding the inclusion of acrimonious, critical or injurious comparisons. A study has also been made by Dr. T. T. Low, of Yenching University, Peking, of American text-books. These contain many mistaken ideas about China. The report states that the text books in the United States contain by far the greatest number of misconceptions about China; the next in order are those of Germany, and then comes Japan. This investigation of textbooks is to be continued, with a view that these misconceptions may be eliminated, and school text-books be used to promote international friendship rather than international jealousy and distrust.

SEEING IS BELIEVING.
Follies beauties may be drafted by cold-blooded scientists at the bureau of standards in an elaborate survey of the hosiery industry, says a Washington message. Scientific men have started an investigation into methods of measuring hosiery. Some exports felt they could not get anywhere without seeing the latest things in actual use. It was suggested that the chorus girls be asked to exhibit silk, cotton and woolen hose that accurate measurements might be taken by the bureau.

BRITISH WORLD FLIGHT.

AMERICAN AID OFFERED.

Tokyo, May 26.—Pending the receipt of more complete details as to the damage done to the British plane at Akynb, Colonel Broomes has arranged tentative plans to rush a complete breakdown plane from Hakodate to Akynb. It was first intended to assemble a plane at Hakodate and fly to Akynb but this was disregarded when Commander Abbott of the 43rd United States destroyer division, on learning of the British mishap, offered Colonel Broomes the use of an American destroyer to transport the plane from Hakodate at full speed as far as Hongkong, the offer being contingent on the approval of the Admiral of the Asiatic Fleet, which will probably be given. Colonel Broomes accepted the offer gratefully and communicated the details thereof to the British Admiral, and is now awaiting reply. Approximately two weeks will be required for the plane to reach Akynb. Colonel Broomes declared to *Reuter* in an interview that Commander Abbott's offer exemplifies sportsmanship of the highest type.—*Reuter*.

SNAKE CHARMER'S LOSS.

PYTHON ESCAPES AT POLICE STATION.

A snake said to be of a poisonous species escaped from a rush bag belonging to a "snake-charmer" and itinerant hawker, while the latter was in the cells at the Central Police Station during the weekend. The man was arrested on Saturday for causing an obstruction, and according to practice he and his "stock-in-trade," which comprised a rush bag and a small quantity of what he described as antidotes for snake bites, were segregated, the rush bag being deposited temporarily outside the cell. Next day, when the man was bailed out, his property was returned to him. On opening the bag he was surprised to find that his pet reptile, a python six or seven feet long, had escaped. He immediately reported at the charge-room. A search was then made of all the cells, but no trace of the reptile could be found.

LAND AUCTION.

PEAK AREA NOT FAVoured.

At the Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters yesterday afternoon 23,000 square feet of Crown land at Mount Cameron were sold by auction by Mr. E. B. Reed. The land in the Peak reservation area, and as soon as the auctioneer's announcement of the location was interpreted by the Chinese clerk, the majority of the Chinese present began to leave the sales room. In vain, Mr. Reed repeatedly asked for an advance on the upset price. One of the Chinese who lingered behind, replied, "Yes, we will bid if Chinese are allowed to live there." The land was sold to Mr. C. M. B. Young at the upset price of \$3,338.

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE RESULTS.

New York, May 20th.—Yesterday's baseball league results were as under:

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| American League. | |
| Washington .. | 9 Chicago.....10 |
| New York..... | 5 Detroit.....8 |

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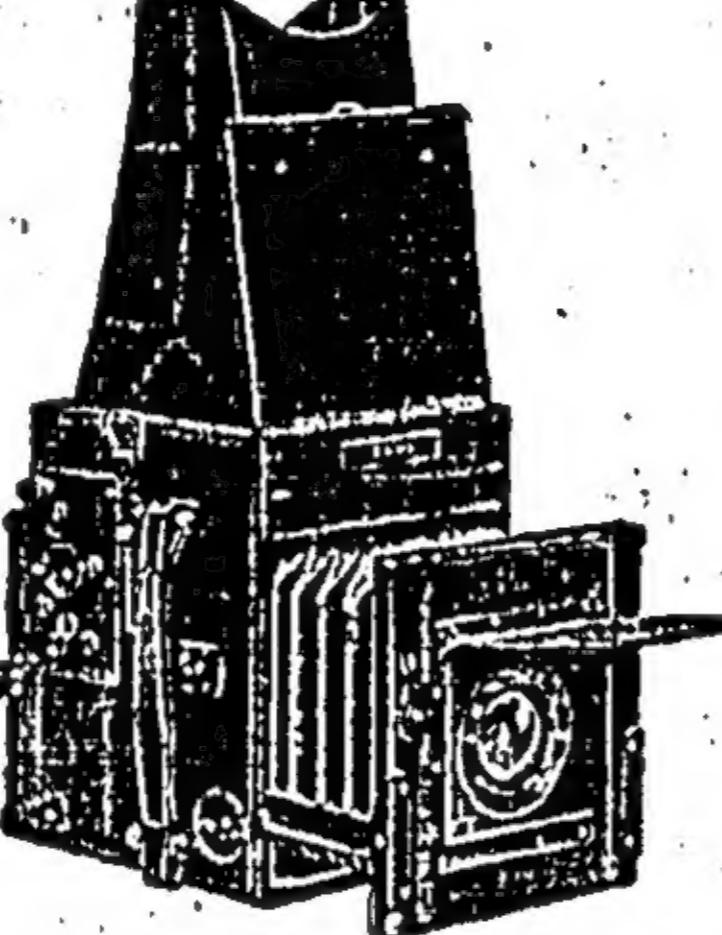
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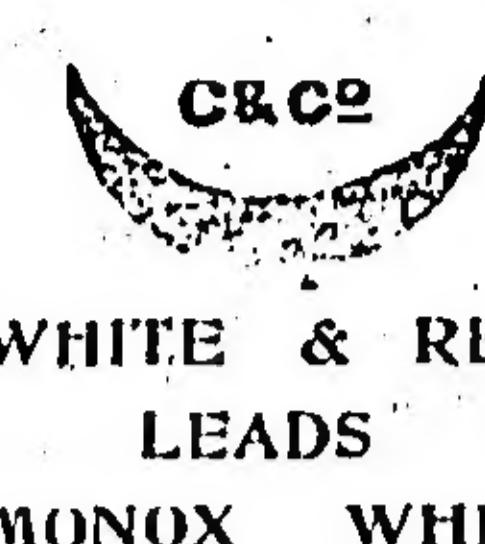
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Three uses of the fastener were illustrated at the luncheon. Miss Peggy O'Neill, who was one of the guests, wore a wrap fitted with the lightning fastener. Hand-bags were shown with a pocket fitted with the device—an enormous boon to travelling woman who have hitherto lacked some easily accessible place where bank-notes could be kept in safety.

Tobacco pouches with the lightning fastener were appreciated by the man who were present.

Field service boots, spats, gaiters, gloves, gold bags are other articles on which the new fasteners can be used.

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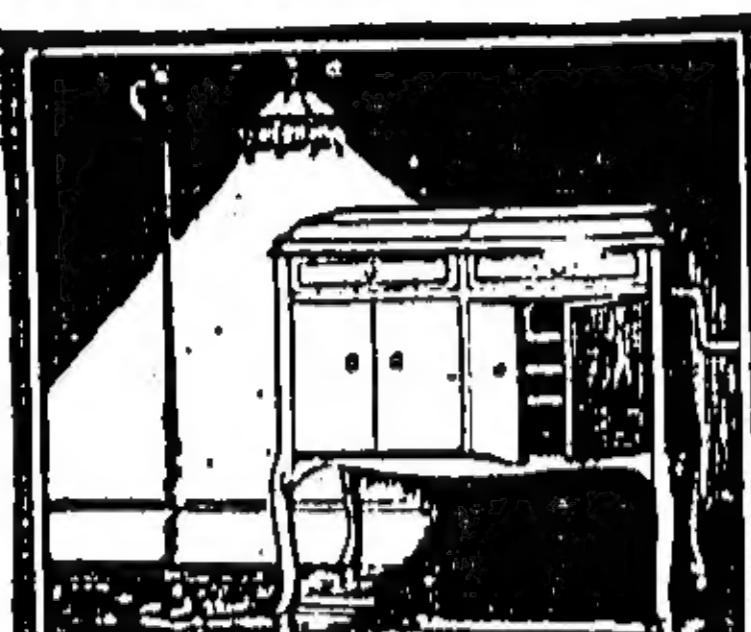
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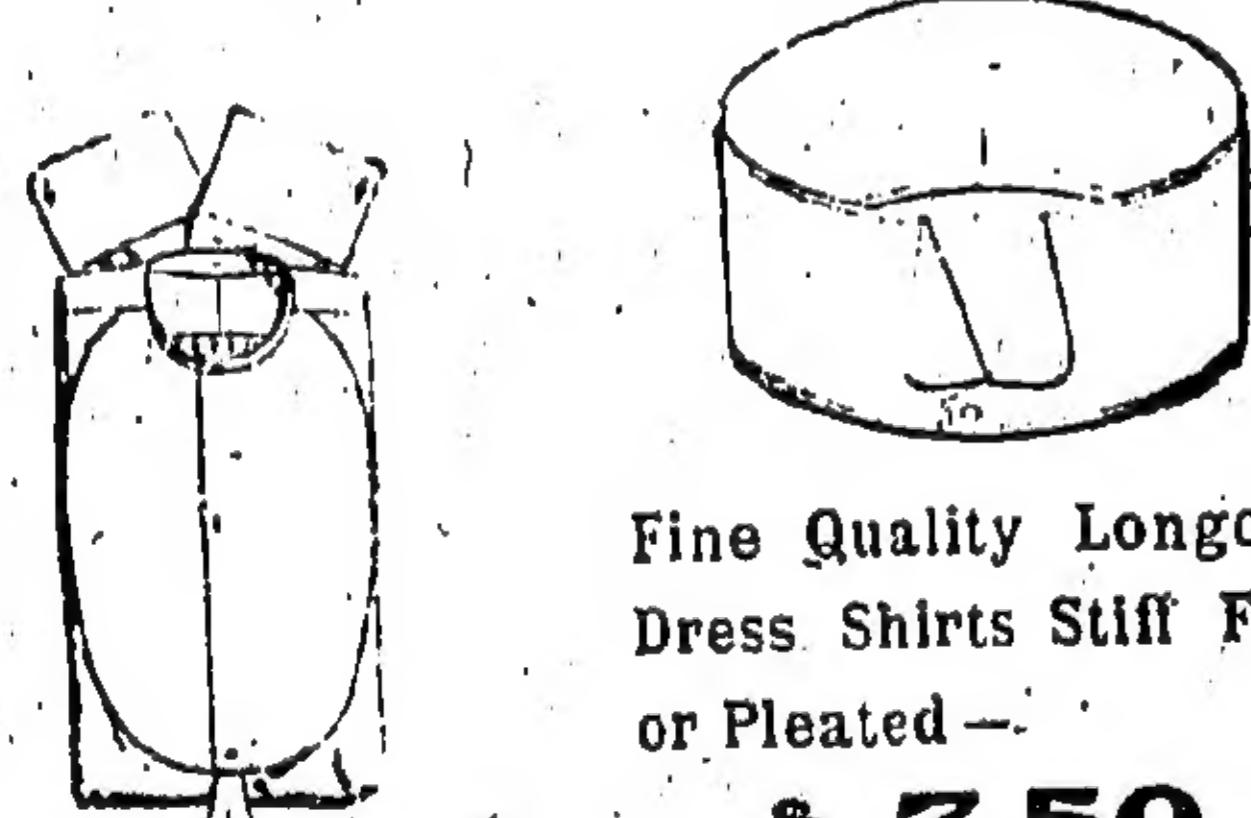
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POLITICAL TENDENCIES.

Is Britain to revert to the two-party system in politics? For some time past there has been a growing bulk of opinion that such a development is most probable. To a certain extent, the results of the last General Election helped to confirm that view, for a striking feature of the polling was the increased number of Labour members sent back, this in turn being reflected in the rather disappointing show made by the Liberals. It is possible, however, that these two factors will become even more pronounced in subsequent elections, when political opinion has a chance to settle down into well-defined groups. We put forward this idea more particularly because of the figures revealed in the bye-election—which has just taken place in the Kelvin Grove division of Glasgow. Here, at the last General Election, the Conservative candidate went in with just over eleven thousand votes to his credit, the Labourite polled a little over ten thousand and the Liberal came third with 4,662. Note what has now happened. The seat is retained by the Conservatives, who polled 15,488 votes, the Labourites got an increase of more than a thousand votes, whilst the Liberals lost well over three thousand votes. If this result can be regarded as typical of present-day political feeling, then it would appear to suggest that the middle party is being squeezed out. In other words, there is no room for a third party, the votes inclining either towards the extremely advanced school of thought or to a policy of cautious conservatism. Many political writers have of late foreseen such a possibility, and belief in it has been strengthened rather than otherwise by the recent movement which aims at uniting the anti-Socialist parties with a view to presenting a united front to Labour. All these developments tend towards the elimination of the middle party, and, despite all the feverish efforts now being made by the Liberals to hold their own, the day may not be far distant when there will again be merely two main parties in the State—the Socialists and those who stand for the common traditions of the two older factions.

Wembley and the East.

Many years after Wembley's big Empire Exhibition has closed, its wonders will be discussed in remote parts of the British Isles, by people who have never been east of Suez, and whose knowledge of tropical and Far Eastern lands has been very slight. Almost as educational as a visit to the respective countries—we lay stress on the word almost—is a view of their display at Wembley. A fair idea of their inhabitants, mode of life, architecture, and so forth, can be obtained. Indeed, we doubt whether the true value of the education provided by the Empire Exhibition can ever be assessed. Better than books of geography, history too, and even films, are these glimpses of different "corners" of the Empire. Hongkong's section represents "China" to the majority of visitors, and in a way they are not being misled unduly. It were sufficient if people learn the difference between India, Malaya, and China—distinction not always realised, even by big business houses, judging from the occasional faulty addressing of envelopes for the post. So far as trade is concerned, we might learn in the near future that a new vogue or two is on foot at Home. The days of the mah jongg craze are passing, but we might hear of such things as Swatow drawn thread pyjamas or temple-roof shaped millinery. Stranger things than that have happened. That the demand for Chinese wares should be brisk is natural—the "philosophic detachment" of the shopkeepers follows a long schooling in Queen's Road, helped by the promoters of world tours. Hongkong shops will always be attractive, whether at home or abroad, and Chinese shopkeepers will always be philosophers.

Sleepy Sickness.

These hot days, one can be excused for wondering, in the early afternoons, especially after lunch, whether *Encephalitis lethargica* has come to Hongkong; but the actual disease is far more serious than a temporary sickness, and its increase in Britain has for some time been a matter of discussion among medical men at Home. It seems that this world is never to be free from ills of various kinds. We hardly discover a cure for something when some new form of sickness makes its appearance. "Spanish" influenza is followed by "botulism" (not a symptom of "botulism"), and that again is followed by "sleepy sickness". One must not confuse this last with the sleeping sickness of tropical Africa, contracted through the bite of "tee-tee" fly; nevertheless this new lethargic disease proves fatal sufficiently often to cause grave apprehension, especially in view of its recent rapid increase of incidence. There is no doubt that most of our present-day diseases—even such as cancer—are due to modern methods of life and diet. Botulism has been traced to tainted preserved foods, which are also the cause of ptomaine poisoning. The cause of *Encephalitis lethargica* has not been discovered yet, but we expect it will be traced eventually to some toxic form of physical life entailed by modern civilisation.

WANTED A NUT.

GOT A MONTH'S "HARD."

An unemployed boiler maker, named Luk Tsui, was charged before the Marine Magistrate, Lieut.-Com. Conway Hale, this morning with being on board the B. I. steamer *Torilla* without permission.

From the evidence it appeared that the man was found in the engine room of the ship yesterday morning at 9 o'clock by a No. 1 Indian member of the ship's staff and was sent away. About an hour later, the man was again discovered in the engine room and was engaged in removing a nut from the safety valve of the boiler. He was taken before the Chief Engineer who gave instructions for the man to be handed over to the Police.

The Fourth Engineer gave evidence that no shore workmen were employed on board the ship that day and that defendant had no right to be in the engine room or touch anything there.

Defendant stated that he went on board for work. He asked an Indian if he could have a nut and the Indian told him to go and get one.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed, a previous conviction for theft having been proved.

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU CANNOT LAUGH AT YOURSELF LIFE MUST BE PRETTY DULL FOR YOU.—Grock.

A Reuter's New York message reports the death of Mr. Victor Herbert, the conductor and composer.

The master of the *Kwaya Maru*, from Sourabaya, reports the death of a Chinese third-class passenger.

The master of the s.s. Commercial Scout, an American steamer in port from Oregon, reports that one of the firemen was lost overboard on the journey.

Yesterday's health returns show two cases of small-pox (one British and one Chinese), and one each of enteric and cerebro-spinal fever (both Chinese).

A Canton report says that seven passenger and cargo junks which were being towed by a launch between Shiuhsing and Canton recently were pirated, the total loss suffered being about \$30,000.

The usual weekly public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, at 5.45 p.m. at the Lodge, 16, Queen's Rd. Central. Subject: "Hatha Yoga". All are welcome.—Advt.

Mr. G. R. Hendley Smith, who recently arrived from Hongkong, takes up an appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Customs, Port Swettenham, says a Malayan paper. Mr. Hendley Smith, who is 27 years of age, has been eight years in the Royal Navy.

A Chinese woman, who appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charge of assaulting and scalding two *mai tsui*, was formally remanded for one week. She was defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada. The two girls were taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Last week there were six cases of small-pox notified (one Indian and the rest Chinese), of which three were fatal; three Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever (two fatal); two British non-fatal occurrences of paratyphoid fever; and two cases of enteric fever (one Indian and one Chinese), of which one was fatal. There were also three Chinese deaths from influenza.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the first V.R.C. Night Fots of the present season takes place in the baths on Saturday night. In addition to members' races, there are also events for girls, boys and soldiers, whilst a high diving competition and polo will complete a very attractive bill. After the programme is concluded dancing will be enjoyed.

In "The Wonderful Thing," which will be shown at the Coronet to-day and to-morrow, Norina Madge gives another stirring performance in a play which seems specially suited to her versatile talents. This is a First National feature directed by Herbert Brodon. She is supported by Harrison Ford as the hero and Julia Hoyt, one of New York's society leaders. As this picture will only be on for a very short run, patrons should make a point of not missing it.

The cinema-going public needs no explanation who Mae Marsh is. In "Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance" she won high praise for her respective parts and for other screen achievements she soon compared with Ellen Terry whose art on the stage is so well known all over the world. Miss Marsh is supported by Alice B. Francis and Niles Welch in "The Face in the Dark," which will be put on at the Queen's Theatre to-night till Thursday. Mae Marsh gives a wonderfully realistic portrayal as the heroine of this thrilling melodrama.

TWO-MINUTE TALKS

A Daily Topic
By ROBERT POWER

THE PARROT.

My neighbour's parrot is very feathered, "It's going to rain;" "Polly's plumage makes a 'do feel bad;" was all that rare splash of colour with its Polly could inform me. I listened. The lark was still singing as if the joy of life was in her tiny heart. And as I watched she began to fall, dropping like the feathered aviator she is, and marking her nose down on the ground beneath.

But Polly is not content with chromatic vividness. A hundred times a day I hear her harsh voice. "It's going to rain!" she assures me, and then as if not satisfied with this sad pronouncement she croaks: "Do feel bad!" But never have I heard any other expressions fall from Polly's beak.

I was walking through the field the other morning when a little brown bird flew up almost from under my feet. Higher and higher she went up, until she was but a speck against the blue. Then, when she was poised aloft, she began to sing. It was the skylark, and though she was so tiny the very air seemed to quiver with that wondrous song. She builds on the ground, but she soars and sings on highest wing. As I listened to the witchery of the music of the skylark I did not wonder that the greatest of poets have poured forth their finest language to catch the spirit of the skylark's song.

As I neared my house I heard a harsh croak. "It's going to rain!" declared Polly, and because I took no notice, "Do feel bad;" smote my ears. There is a corner of my garden where I can get a peep at Polly if the day is fine. For then she is put out in the sunshine and swings to and fro on her fine stand. But though the golden light was on the parrots and the lurks of bathing her green and crimson life.

FORGED NOTES.

BOAT-WOMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The case in which a Chinese boat-woman of Tai-O, defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was charged with attempting to pass two \$50 and two \$10 forged Singapore banknotes on the 5th. and 6th. inst., and with being in possession of a further \$10 forged note, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A Chinese accountant of a goldsmith at Tai-O stated that on the 5th May defendant went to his shop and ordered a pair of gold bracelets. She handed over \$70 as deposit. The bracelets were worth \$53.48. She went away and returned at 7 p.m. the same night and asked if the shop had any rings. She was told that they had and she said that she would come again the next day. She went back to the shop at 11 a.m. the next day and bought four rings of the total value of \$134.3. She gave one \$50 Singapore note to the accountant. Witness asked her where she obtained the money, and she said that some relatives who came from Singapore gave it to her. At the request of his master, witness reported the matter to the police after receiving a telephone message from the accountant who came to Hong Kong to change the notes.

The Tai-O police interpreter said that on the 7th May he went with Sergeant Logan to Tai-O harbour and boarded defendant's sampan. He asked her if she had any Singapore money and she told him that she had none. They then went to defendant's houseboat, where witness saw her putting her hand down a hole near the side of the boat. He told the Sergeant, who, on searching the place indicated, found forged \$10 note and some Hongkong money.

Defendant was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. have kindly supplied us with the following cable quotations of Shanghai stocks from their Shanghai office:

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GERMAN CRISIS.

Government Resigns.

Berlin, May 26.
The German Government has resigned.—*Reuter*.

How It Came About.

The resignation was due to the breakdown of negotiations between the National and Middle parties for the formation of a Coalition Government. The Nationals to-day unexpectedly put forward Admiral von Tirpitz as their candidate for the Chancellorship, declaring they would afterwards be prepared to discuss the prospective Government's home and foreign policy, whereupon the leaders of the Middle parties promptly called upon President Ebert and tendered the Government's resignation.

There is reason to believe that the resignation is only formal, however, and it is expected that Herr Marx will reconstruct the Ministry with a few changes and then submit its policy, especially regarding the exports' report, to the now Reichstag, leaving the House to approve or reject.—*Reuter*.

Berlin, May 26.

Obviously referring to the exports' report, the German Nationals in reply to the Middle parties have admitted a certain continuity in the policy of resigning. The Government must be maintained, "but the party cannot place German negotiators with tied hands in front of foreign countries."

The Middle parties have responded by adhering to the policy of accepting the report as a whole, with the reservations which the exports themselves have made regarding its execution.—*Reuter*.

Nationalist Policy.

Berlin, May 26.
The extreme Nationalists, numbering thirty-two, in the new Reichstag at a meeting to-day formulated a programme demanding, *inter alia*, the immediate election of a new President of the Republic; repeal of the law for protection of the Republic; an amnesty for all participants in the Munich and Ustritz revolts; the trial on a charge of treason of all participants in the revolution of November, 1918; expulsion of all Jews who had entered since 1914, with partial confiscation of their property; and special legislation for Jews.—*Reuter*.

M.C.C. VS. SOUTH AFRICA.

Visitors Doing Well.

London, May 26.
At Lord's, play between the M.C.C. and the South Africans opened on fine wicket, rapidly drying. There were six thousand spectators.

Marylebone scored 145, Hearne contributing 59. Pogler took 8 for 54.

The South Africans had scored 113 for the loss of 4 wickets when play closed for the day.—*Reuter*.

BASEBALL.

Latest League Results.

New York, May 26.
The following are latest baseball results:—American League: New York beat Detroit, 8 to 2. Boston beat Cleveland, 10 to 9. Philadelphia beat St Louis, 2 to 1. Washington beat Chicago, 8 to 2. National League: St Louis beat Cincinnati, 4 to 3.—*Reuter*.

STOLEN PASSAGES.

FOUR CHINESE SENTENCED.

"You have dodged your passage and now you will have to pay for it," said Mr. E. W. Hamilton to four Chinese, who were charged, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with stowing away from Singapore by the s.s. *Van Cloon*.

Defendants, who were alleged to have been found among the steerage passengers without any tickets on the day after the ship left Singapore, were sentenced to one month's hard labour each.

COSTLY QUESTION.

COSTS PIG DEALER FIVE DOLLARS.

"You are fined \$5 more for your insolence," retorted Mr. E. W. Hamilton to a Chinese, who, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, asked why he was fined \$10 when he had committed no offence.

Defendant was charged with cruelly transporting pigs by train from Taipo to Yau Ma Tei. At the last hearing defendant stated that after putting his pigs on the train sonorously placed their pigs on top of his. His Worship ordered a remand till he could see Mr. Winslow, the Tokyo correspondent of the *North-China Daily News*.

There is nothing that particularly distinguishes this shop from scores of others in Tokyo, and thousands on thousands pass it every day, not in the least aware that a titled woman, daughter of one of Japan's oldest aristocrats, is ready to step forth, a prim apron partially hiding her beautiful kimono, and attend to the wants of anyone, who enters within the sliding doors that mark the entrance.

Viscountess Inouye had a very unhappy married life. Her parents had no male issue and consequently there was no masculine heir to carry on the traditions of the Inouye house. In accordance with Japanese customs, a yoshi (adopted son) was taken into the family and to him was given the family title, all the honour and authority that goes with it and the hand of the daughter of the house. Domestic infidelity led Viscountess Inouye to throw herself into the whirl of social pleasures, but those soon palled and she decided to take to business instead.

Yet there is a small field in the Pelmadulla district, perhaps a couple of acres in extent, which untried riches could not buy. There is nothing remarkable about the paddy it produces; it is just ordinary paddy, neither particularly good, nor particularly bad. In fact for the past nine months or so, it has changed its crop to sapphires, marvellous sapphires, yellow and gold, purple and blue of anything from 20, 30 and 40 carats to 500, 600 or 700. Sapphires weighing half a pound, and worth some of them, half a lakh of rupees in the rough, and goodness alone knows what when polished and finished.

The find is so remarkable that local jewellers, hardened though they are by a commercialism which keeps the romance of their calling strictly subdued, are even now almost unable to believe that it is true and they speak of it as though expecting to be awakened at any moment from a dream.

Already the owners of the field are estimated to have received at the very least five or six lakhs of rupees for the gems that have been found, and there is yet no sign that the outcrop is finished. If things go on as they are at present, it is doubtful whether Colombo will be able to absorb the stones. Every jeweller in the place carries heavy stocks of magnificent specimens, and some of them are beginning to wonder how they are to be marketed. Many of the stones are fit only for a king's crown, and buyers for gems of this description are, of course, strictly limited.

"It is a most unprecedented find. They are beyond the dreams of avrunc," said Mr. Louis Siedle, the well-known Colombo dealer. "Hitherto, finds of large stones in Ceylon have been rare. But now the fault is on the other side. The stones are mostly too big, and some have been found weighing as much as 700 carats. They range from about 20 or 30 carats up to that. In the gemming districts they go by rupee weight. A rupee equals 56 carats roughly, and stones weighing 12, 13 and 14 rupees are not uncommon. There is no reason to believe that the outcrop is finished."

ADVERTISING CONVENTION.

As a result of the activities of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, an International Advertising Convention, which, it is hoped, will promote the mutual benefit of the countries concerned, is to be held at the British Empire Exhibition from July 14 to 19. Members of the advertising industry in a large number of foreign nations are to attend; in America alone so much interest has been aroused that the number of delegates from that country has had to be limited to 1,500. A further 500 delegates are expected from the Continent, and other parts of the world are being represented by over 100.

PEERESS SHOPKEEPER.

Viscountess Inouye Sells Perfumes.

Unhappy in her life as a leader of society, bored with being one of the moving spirits in Tokyo's smart set, Viscountess Inouye, daughter of one of the leading statesmen of the early Meiji era, now runs a modest little perfume store in a narrow street in Shitaya, one of the least pretentious of the many districts into which the huge and struggling capital of the Japanese Empire is divided, says the Tokyo correspondent of the *North-China Daily News*.

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As was to be expected, her suggestion to run a store caused her relatives and friends to hold up their hands high in holy horror. A member of the peerage to become sullied with sordid commercialism. All manner of argument was marshalled to dissuade her. She was told that it was not at all necessary that she should have to earn her livelihood, while such a step as she proposed taking, others insisted, would reflect on the prestige not only of her own noble house, but also on that of other titled families.

Viscountess Inouye was obstinate, however, and declared that she would work out her own destiny and lead her own life. The result was this modest perfume store in Shitaya.

EMPTY EXISTENCE.

"The desire to do something instead of leading an idle life," she told your correspondent, "came to me when I realized how empty was my existence, how I was living to no purpose. I had many trials and tribulations and believed that the best way to be happy would be to work and be independent."

Viscountess Inouye is a woman of handsome lineaments and fully looks the daughter of a family claiming to have blue blood in its veins. She is of medium height and has well-chiselled features. Her looks belie her age and her talk is interesting and attractive as is her face.

This store of mine is not the result of a fad, one of those notions to do something unusual and be talked about," she continued as she offered me a cup of tea and motioned to me to be seated. "My old life was unhappy and I wanted something to take my mind off it and to enable me to forget it."

Viscountess Inouye looks after her little shop single-handed. No maid or sales-girl assists her, although there are several Tokyo who would just jump at the idea of working with and for her, without any remuneration whatsoever. A glance round showed me that the potions and lotions that womankind the world over deems to be absolutely necessary were mostly imported from France.

"Yes," she replied in answer to a question, "French powders, perfumes and cosmetics are what the Japanese young women demand now. They are nothing if not Parisian in their powder-and-perfume tastes." I looked to see whether there was not a tinge of sarcasm, but the lips did not twitch a bit. "Anything from Paris," continued the Viscountess, "is accepted without the slightest demur."

Negligent to add, there is a constant stream of people visiting the store every day. The Viscountess' friends alone would make quite a tidy number of customers. Then there are those who are attracted because a titled lady serves them and the

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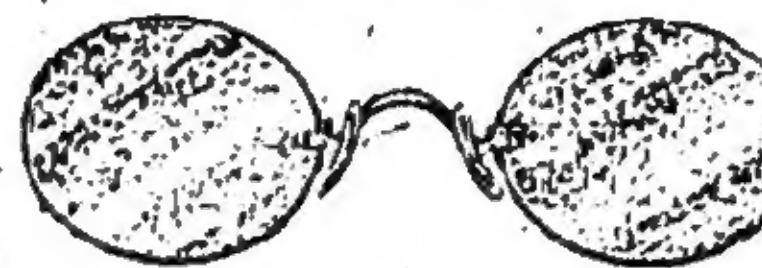
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Poisoned Well of Old Castle.

Pendragon Castle, Westmorland, has been taken over by the Board of Works from its owner, Lord Rothfield, and will henceforth be looked after by the State.

This fine old ruin was built about 410 in the time of Vortigern by Uter Pendragon, who made it his favourite residence. It is said that with the object of surrounding the castle by a moat he attempted to divert the course of the River Eden so that it should flow entirely round the castle walls.

He failed, and for 1,500 years history has handed down the couplet:—

Let Uter Pendragon do what he can.

Edon will run where Edon ran.

Tradition says that near the castle was Uter's favourite well, and that the Saxons threw poison into it, thus poisoning the king and 100 of his knights.

Pendragon, played a strong part in the long feud between the Scots and English, and was destroyed more than once, only to be promptly rebuilt.

When the famous Countess of Pembroke (1590-1676) entered upon her Westmorland inheritance in 1649—the year Charles I. was executed—she found her chateau demolished or desecrated, and set to work to rebuild and restore them.

Thereafter Pendragon became her residence.

Family Wiped Out by Explosion.

Although fishing by means of dynamite charges is illegal and punishable with a fine, many fishermen risk this for the sake of the big hauls, even in Hongkong.

Near Pola, on the Adriatic coast, a fisherman was preparing a charge in the midst of his family in a cottage near the sea, last month, as he had done for a long period.

Suddenly neighbours saw the whole building fly up in the air. The charge had exploded in the man's hand. He and his five-year-old daughter were killed on the spot, and his wife and three-year-old son died before reaching hospital. The cottage was reduced to a mere heap of debris.

An official inquiry made among the neighbours resulted in the discovery that every Saturday this fisherman had prepared charges for that night's fishing.

Shortly before the explosion he was seen seated in front of the fire with his little daughter nearby watching the preparation of the charges. Possibly a spark from the fire ignited the explosive, thus wiping out the entire family.

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number of these increases every day.

"The place is becoming busier as day succeeds day and is also thus too small," she remarked. Just then a treble "Good Afternoon" heard, the voice of a customer in the main room. Excusing herself she hurried to attend to her latest customer. I took at the latter. It was a geisha.

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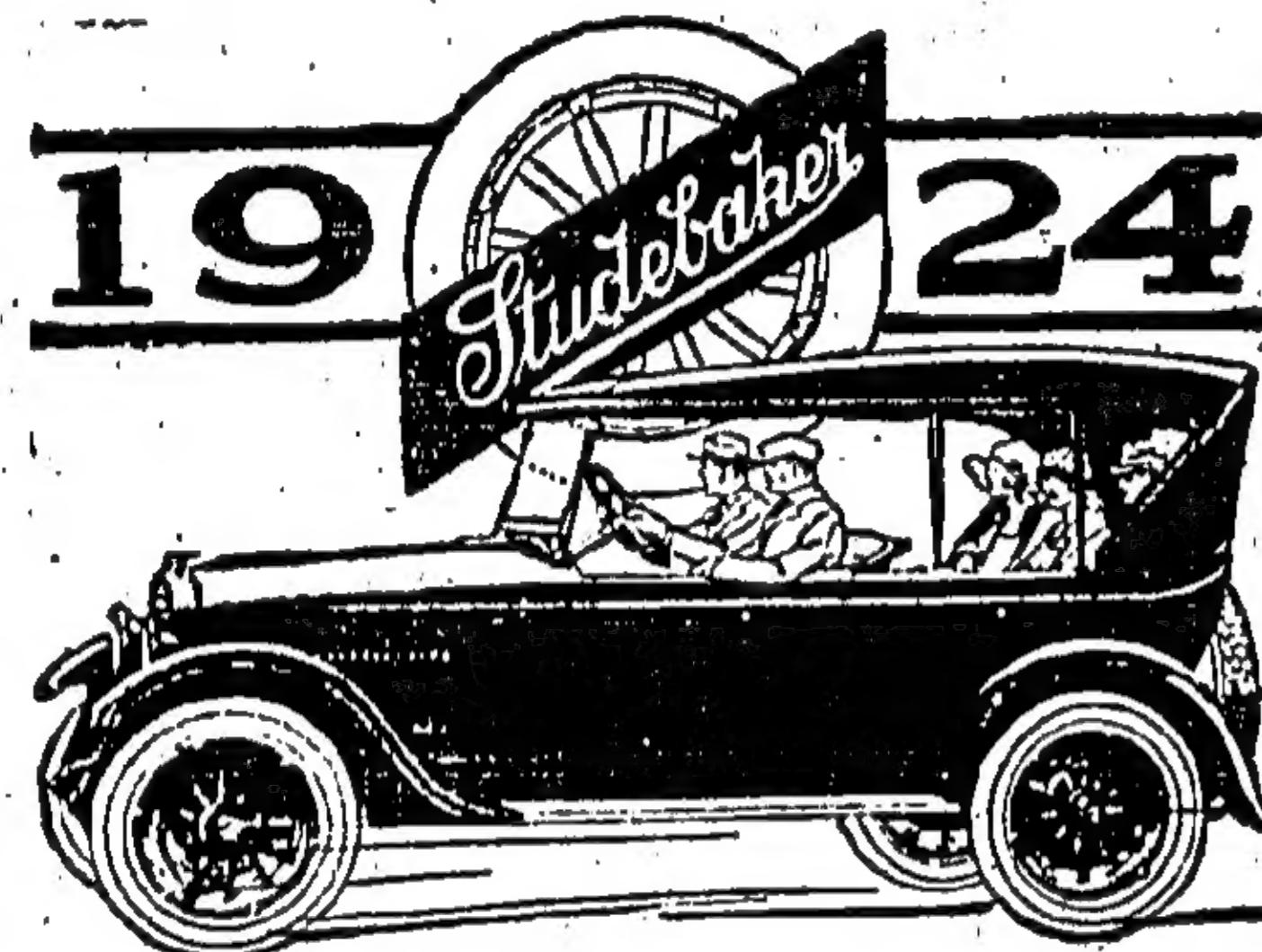
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Central.**CAMERA NEWS**

Mrs. Hiroshi Kawamura, wife of a Japanese Embassy attaché at Washington, out for a walk with her picturesque youngsters.



A. J. Doveaux, world-famed polo player and horseman, and who was thrown so violently in several polo matches that his brain was injured. He was adjudged insane and sent to a Pennsylvania hospital for treatment.



Ellen Terry, who is now 70 years of age, is here seen selling flowers in London in aid of the Ellen Terry Home for Blind Children.



This picture shows the wall of Waichow city as blown up by a powerful mine by Dr. Sun's troops in October last. The city has not yet fallen. (Photo courtesy of The Rock).



A Somali soldier and a U.S. marine meet in the desert.



Here is "Zizy," a trained elephant, with a troupe of midshipmen, taking the payroll to the bank in Washington.

SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

Vessels Arrived.

| Vessel | Agents | From | To | Mooring. |
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| Kwai Wah | O. & K. | Hainan | B. | 28 |
| Kwai Wah | K. & Y. Wong | Tour no | A | 10 |
| Kwai Wah | K. & Y. Wong | Singapore | A | 10 |
| Van Cloud | P. & O. | Shangai via Swatow | B | 23 |
| Napors | P. & O. | Bangkok via Hollow | B | 15 |
| Krause | O. & K. | Chittagong | B | 12 |
| Dampico | O. & K. | Shanghai via Amoy | B | 20 |
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| Tea | O. & K. | Triton via S'pore | B | 20 |
| Sheaf Dark | Doddell | Kow. Wharf | B | 20 |
| Linen | Doddell | Wanchai | | |
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| Ullino Pelleco | Doddell | | | |
| Tattoo | E. & E. | | | |

Clearances.

| Vessel | Agents | Where | Bound | Departure, 2nd May |
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| Yannus M. | B. & J. | Haiphong via Hollow | B'lore | |
| Warren M. | N.Y.K. | Bombay via S'pore | | |
| Warren M. | N.Y.K. | Batavia | | |
| Warren M. | D. & G. | Fuchow via Swatow | | |
| President Harrison | D. & G. | New Yo k via India | | |
| For Iching | E. & A. | Bangkok via Hollow | | |
| Van V. Schenck | E. & A. | Chittagong | | |
| Nagano M. | W. & F. S. | Shanghai via Amoy | | |
| Apex | W. & F. S. | Bremen via S'pore | | |
| Pong Tong | W. & F. S. | Triton via S'pore | | |
| Fructose | J. de | Kow. Wharf | | |
| Claire Leeben | K. & S. | Kow. Wharf | | |
| Geschaus | B. & J. | Keelung | | |

Impending Departures.

| (Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.) | | | | |
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| Vessel | Agents | Destination | Sailing Date | |
| W. Iching | J. M. Co. | Chittagong | 28th May. | |
| Chao Shing | J. M. Co. | Tianjin | 28th | |
| Ts'ao W. | T. E. E. | San Francisco | 28th | |
| P. Mooney | A. G. L. | Vietnam | 28th | |
| Eastern | P. & O. | Melbourne | 28th | |
| Cheung Ho | B. & S. | Australia | 28th | |
| Yukichima H. | N. Y. K. | V. Amer. | 28th | |
| Turbo | P. & O. | Ko'po | 29th | |

Consignees Diary.

| (Compiled from our Advertisements.) | | | | |
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| Vessel | Agents | Goods | Free Storage | Claims to be Examined |
| Si Fiang | M. M. | Kowloon | May 8 | May 8 |
| Boat Castle D. & Co. | O. & K. | Kowloon | May 31 | May 31 |
| Anson M. | O. & K. | Kowloon | June 4 | June 4 |
| Princ. K. P. Y. A. L. | K. & S. | Kowloon | June 26 | June 26 |
| Price Hanover D. & L. | K. & S. | Kowloon | June 3 | June 3 |
| Steamers Movements. | | | | |

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| S.S. "PFALZ" | 15th Nov. |
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